



Holy Spirit
Person | Presence | Power

Who Is The Holy Spirit?

(Genesis 1:1-2; Psalm 139:7-10; John 16:4-15; 1 Corinthians 2:6-16)

1. Imagine you have the task of introducing the Holy Spirit to a room full of people. Would you feel qualified and/or fearful? Why? Why not? Which adjectives would you use? How does your answer resonate with Jesus' introduction in John 16:13-14?
2. Can you think of an occasion when you have seen or experienced the ministry of the Holy Spirit (or supposedly the Holy Spirit) for better or for worse? How did you discern whether this experience was authentic (or not)? Why is it essential that teaching about the Holy Spirit is Biblically tethered?
3. Chris said that the Holy Spirit is a **person**. Which words in John 16:13-14 back up this point? Do you find it comfortable to relate to the Holy Spirit as a person rather than simply as an impersonal force? How can you tell that you relate to the Spirit as a person (or not)?
4. How do the words of 1 Corinthians 2:6-16 comfort and/or challenge you?
5. Chris said that the Holy Spirit is **presence**: "God's personal presence is with us, like breath in our lungs." Psalm 139:7-10 reveals that God observes us everywhere we go and is sensitive to our every thought and action. Discuss the implications of this truth.
6. Read 1 Corinthians 3:16-17. 'The Spirit inside you is better than Jesus beside you.' Discuss the various outworkings of the Spirit dwelling within us (e.g. fruit, gifts, assurance, etc.).
7. Chris said that the Holy Spirit is **power**. How does the Holy Spirit demonstrate his power throughout Scripture? Pick out themes from Genesis to Revelation (e.g. creation, salvation, deliverance, etc.).
8. Share something of your fears, joys and experiences of seeing the Holy Spirit's power in action. What is the primary purpose of the Holy Spirit's power according to Acts 1:8 and John 16:13-14? Was this purpose primary in the experiences you have shared? How, as a church, do we avoid the trap of the Holy Spirit being about us and glorifying us, rather than God?
9. If you have one hope/expectation during our 5-week teaching series on the Holy Spirit, what is it? Spend some time praying together into these expectations.